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In Default of an Intelligent Opposition.

The function of a capable and patriotic opposition party is of high use and even of necessity. It is to the distinct advantage of the country that there should be intelligent and honest critieism of the party in power. Otherwise that party may not always be held up to its highest standard or be faithful to its largest opportunity. Despising its adversary, it may grow too secure, and err both in the direction of undertaking too much and of neglecting too

much. The Democratic party, incapable at present of injuring the Republicans in my direct and legitimate way, may yet bring upon them ultimately some of the consequences of power unchecked by a reasonable opposition. Judged by the general tone of the Democratic speeches on the Philippine tariff bill, the leaders of the Democratic party have no appreciation of public opinion, no appreciation of the immovable hostility to breaking the integrity of American territory, no appreciation of the services of American soldiers in the Philippines, no other statesmanship than a blind and pig-headed opposition to Republican policies. Through all the spienetic and violent speeches of TILLMAN and MONEY and DUBOIS, with their coarse insults and their preposterous whoppers, runs the impotence of a partisanship which has nothing practical to propose, nothing even honorable to propose. There was a Democratic party once that was ready enough to win new territory for the United States and never cowardly enough to wish to give it up. There are plenty of Democrats now faithful to the great traditions of their party who will not throw away their patriotism simply for the sake of butting against the Republican party.

In the Senate itself there are Democrats who don't believe in the let-the-Philippines-go-to-the-devil policy. But the speeches of the advocates of the runaway programme seem to represent the state of mind of the majority of Democratic leaders. Not only have they not learned anything since 1900, but, if possible, they have lost something of what knowledge they retained They don't know enough to respect the territorial rights of the United States or the soldiers of the United States. An opposition so led must continue to flounder in the mud. The Republican party must depend upon its bers for intelligent criticism.

Cuba.

In 1898 the "financial interests" of the United States, enormous as they were, could not resist the popular demand for a war with Spain for the relief of Cuba. The sugar and tobacco interests cannot now hope to prevent the country from taking the step that logically succeeds victory giving to Cuba the opportunity to upbuild her industries.

Cuban reciprocity, the only means for accomplishing that result, is not to be established recklessly, in disregard of the American interests it affects chiefly. But that it must be established in some reasonable degree as a necessity of the situation doesn't admit of doubt.

The Demolition of the Gallup Cipher.

A beautiful example of literary detection is to be found in the discussion, in the Nineteenth Century, of the new Baconian, or rather Gallupian, cipher and its amazing products. The detective is Mr. ROBERT BRIGHT MARSTON. the London publisher and founder of he Fly-Fishers' Club.

If we believe the ingenious Mrs. William GALLEP of Detroit, she has been even more successful in working her cipher thus the late IGNATIUS DONNELLY was with his. DONNELLY was a men of imagination and humor, but his cryptographic exhibit bears about the same elation to Mrs. Galder's as a Chatham Square museum does to the Greatest Show on Earth. The Detroit woman as decovered not only that Phancis BACON wrote all the plays usually ascribed to one WILLIAM SHARRSPEARS. but also that BACON was the real author of SPENSER's " Factic Queen " and of several of the dramas of Mantows. GREENE and PREIAL besides the whole of Buston's " Anatomy of Melancholy She has also unfolded certain surprising historical facts much, for instance, as that Baccor was the son of Queen Eliza-

sers by Laureren; and that he wrote Romeo and Juliet " in commemoration of an absorbing and romantic pasof Valois, the first wife of HERRY of gos! In the character of Julie, it slightly more archae spelling is flared a some, thy Romeo has rendered justice translation as trans a bed by the other

to they uppeophisticated bear?" has revealed the interesting circumstance that this work in a more shell, covering and concealing within itself,

Bacon's unmatched literary industry and freedom from the pride of authorship. Having rendered Homes into English for his private satisfaction, he proceeds with infinite pains to bury his version cryptographically in the text of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," another work of his own composition, modestly allowed by him to go down the centuries in the name of ROBERT BURTON. And Lord VERULAM devotes as much care to hiding his translation of HOMER within the bowels of the "Anatomy " as if it were a perilous State secret that he felt himself obliged to stow away. It was reserved for Mrs. WELLS GALLUP of Detroit, three hundred years later, to thwart him in his inexplicable purpose, and to rescue his translation of HOMER from its labor-

iously contrived interment. While British scholarship is ponderously and pretentiously investigating the alleged cipher, and subjecting the same to technical analysis on the lines of inquiry proposed by Mr. W. H. MAL-LOCK, Mr. R. B. MARSTON has demolished the whole Gallupian fabric by a single puncture. In cases of this kind proof of fraud anywhere is decisive. Mr. Marston simply undertakes to show that the pretended Baconian version of the " Biad," which Mrs. GALLUP says she found secreted in the "Anatomy of Melancholy," was written by somebody wholly ignorant of the Greek text of HOMER, and at the same time very familiar with ALEXANDER POPE's metrical translation.

The proof is convincing that the pretended cipher version of Homer by BACON was really based not on the Greek text of the " Iliad " but on various English translations, notably including POPE'S. Mr. MARSTON exhibits many passages where Pope either put in words not in the original, or omitted words that were in the original; and where the alleged Baconian version does precisely the same thing, following POPE rather than HOMER with a minute fidelity that leaves no room for doubt. In the same way, where POPE for metrical reasons changed the order of proper names, or added descriptions not found in HOMER, BACON does exactly the same thing. If there were only a few instances of this, they might be explained as coincidences; but the number of such cases is so great as to amount to an absolute demonstration that the Baconian version was based on POPE not on the Greek text. An instance from the Catalogue of the Ships in Book II. of the "Iliad" will illustrate the effectiveness of Mr. MARSTON'S method:

LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE GREEK TEXT Next those who held Ormenion, and the Spring Hyperia; and those who possessed Asterion, and the white peaks of Thanes: these did EURYPYLOS, EUAMON'S giorious son, command. With him followed forty black ships."

POPE'S METRICAL TRANSLATION The bold Ormenian and Asterian bands In forty barks EURTPULUS commands, Where Titan hides his hoary head in snow And where Hyperia's sliver fountains flow.

MRS. GALLUP'S " BACONIAN " VERSION " Next EURYPYLUS led th' Ormenian and th In forty vessels, from the land where Titan hideth in snows his hoarie head, Or where the sliver founts of faire Hyperia flow

No person accustomed to render one language into another can compare these three versions without being convinced that the third was based on the cumstance that the " Baconian " version omitting the adjective " black " in regard | they played their part like men. There | serious political results. to the ships, and also the phrase EUÆMON'S glorious son," descriptive of EURYPYLUS: and that the Baconian version boldly introduces Titan's " hoary head hidden in snow," and the " flowing silver fountains of Hyperia," both of which are poetical embellishments added by POPE to the original text of HOMER As Mr. MARSTON remarks:

" It would not be surprising to find two translators leaving out the same words, though they are Important, but the chances are a thousand to one against two translators inventing and adding the same words not in the original."

This is only one of many evidences of Bacon's plagiarism from Pope. We shall content ourselves with exhibiting one other, even more striking:

LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE GREEK TRET. PRINCIPLE. and LETTUS and ARCHITLAUS, and PROTECTION and CLONEUS commanded the Boo tians; both those who tilted Hyrie, and rocky Aulis, and Schenos and Scholos, and hilly Exconus, Theapla, Gree and the ample plain of Mycalessus. Pifty ships of these went to Troy and to each embarked a hundred and twenty Borottan groutine."

PUPE & METRICAL TRANSLATION The hardy warriors whom limotic bred PRABLECS, LETTER PROTECTION ICC. With these AscastLate and CLOSTUS stand, Equal in arms and equal is command. These head the troops that rooky Auto yt side. And Eteon's bills, and Hyric's watery helds. And Schwings, Scholes, Grea, near the mais-And Mycalcasia's account play posts " . . Twice sixty warriers through the foaming area.

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Here the order of proper names is disturbed by Pops for metrical convenience, and Bacon, although translating in prose, follows Port and not House Phrases which Pope invents out of his own head such as Hyrte's watery fields." are soized upon and sion which he. Etazapers's son, had used by Bacon, and most important of entertained in his youth for Manor supra all, the entire line. " Equal in arms and in command when fore meries of Navarre. Poor misunderstood Man, in order to make his styme, appears at

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faith in his fidelity as a translator That conclusion disposes of Mrs. by means of the cipher, a translation Gallett and her cipher; for insemuch as of a good part of Homek's "liad." We Pore's "liad." was written and pubthus gain a new conception of Francis | lished nearly a century after the death

of FRANCIS BACON, the significance of Mr. MARSTON'S discovery and exhibit is evident enough.

Prince and Opera Boxes.

"If," writes a correspondent, "a special performance at the opera were to be given in honor of President RoosE-VELT, should be visit the city, no one would think of reserving five boxes for him and his retinue. If we would not do o for our own Executive, why should we go to such ceremonies for the benefit of the brother of the German Emperor?"

Our American President comes and goes among us like one of us, except for the casual cheer or handshake along the road. If he should go to the opera, it would not be as the guest of the city, but as the companion of some acquaintance among the stockholders. We know, all the same, that if the President or the Vice-President should go abroad, the national capitals he visited would provide for him at the inevitable performance of opera all the best boxes that might be needed for his party. Like BUNTHORNE to the limp and æsthetic maidens, they would say, impulsively, "Take a dozen!" And the whole company would be gay and happy.

Upon Prince HENRY, good and worthy visitor, there will shine, even at this distance, the halo of the German Sovereignty, the Teutonic counterpart of the American eagle. That fearless and cheerful bird is no more afraid of the gold lace of royalty than it is of other things; and so it will receive the Prince cordially and generously, unrestrained by the particular phase of snobbishness which is ever anxious lest it evince too

much regard for rank and station. In this, our era of expansion, five opera boxes would seem none too many for the Prince. If a certain accident should make it necessary to contract this moderate accommodation to three boxes, doubtless the Prince and his friends would adjust themselves to the exigencies of our difficulty. Or again, if the left wing of the box line desired for him be " refused," to use a military term, the needed fifth box might be added on the right wing. Who would notice the irregularity, and what difference would it make? Or, as THE SUN has already pointed out, a truly royal box might be built in front of the regular tier, at the rear of the parquet

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel.

If the escape of the BIDDLE brothers, condemned murderers, from the Pittsburg jail, through the aid of the warden's faithless wife, their flight with the woman, and their desperate fight in the snow when overtaken, in which both men were mortally wounded and the woman shot herself, had been produced on the stage by actor folk it would rank among the most exciting melodramas. On the boards the escape would have succeeded, the innocence of the prison breakers would have been established, and the favored hero would marry the woman and live happily ever after. But the time is the present, the opening scene is smoking, practical Pittsburg. the characters are intensely real, and, in accordance with the spirit of modern literary pessimism, instead of ending

happily it closes in death and sorrow. Time and again a warden's wife has aided her lover to escape. But here was a woman of apparently blameless life, who left behind her a respectable second, not on the first. Note the cir- husband and four young children to cast her lot with two desperate criminals. When it came to the final act was a strong dash of chivalry in their make-up. Though the woman hampered them in their flight they would not cast her off. Even when the pursuing detectives opened fire on the fugitives and they realized that they were making their last stand they didn't forget the woman. JACK BIDDLE interposed his body between her and the rain of bullets from the officers' guns until he literally was shot out of the sleigh and fell mortally wounded beside his brother. Then the woman shot herself, and so far as its spectacular side was concerned the

drama ended. Even the woman berself, if she lives, may not satisfactorily solve the mystery of it. What was there in the lawless career of either of the BIDDLES to appeal to Mrs. PETER SOFFEL apparently a happy wife until she met them? Was it the perils that they had encountered. or the awful death that they faced? Had she simply tired of uneventful domesticity? Did she count the cost of her infatuation, the humiliation of her husband and the disgrace of her children, with a realization of the very slim chance of ultimate escape? Mrs Soffel presents a terrible problem

The becretary of the Navy has made an important recommendation regarding the resignations of junior officers of the navy der the present law, when a cadet enters Full titly ships they send, and each courseys the Naval Academy he agrees to serve the Government for eight years, unless somer discharged by competent authority reasons of our kind or another, many cadets and energies who have not served eight years have mought and obtained the privilege of innoing the service before what may called their "callstaness" has expired view of the present shortage of officers, and of the espense to the Government of their exicontice. Mr Long recommends that legislation be marted forbidding their disharge by acceptance of their resignations except upon the payment of much some as the Secretary of the Navy shall doesn suffition to reignburge the Government for

their administration and hay at the academy. finished men of the army, who engage to serve for three years, are permitted to buy beir discharges the amounts payable dissimilating as the expiration of their eaintenent approaches. The plan suggested Laborate by Consord care they was not indeed The payments, however would probably occupant as the education of the cardet torugrenment at insul top to a courtain point The contains at the Neval Assarberry is the complete offered in any country a cadet draws pay amounting to \$600 a year at the neadenry, and two a year while at sen se a naval cadet, his total pay as cadet thus being \$8.800; his four years' education at the academy represents possibly as much more, making his most to eruspent before he obtains his first commission as onsign very nearly \$0,000 it to too much to seit that a cordet who has put the Government to an expense of upward of

\$8,000 should obtain his discharge on proffer-ing his resignation, just at the time that he is beginning to make a return for what has been spent on him. It is also too much to expect that many cadets can pay anything like \$8,000 to secure their discharge. The Secretary's idea is correct, however, and

his recommendation should be embodied in law. Congress may be relied upon to see that no injustice is inflicted upon a cadet or ensign who wishes to leave the navy before he has completed his eight years' agreed service; and should see, at the same time, that the Government does no lose too much because of its generosity.

JOHN T. METCALFE, who died at Thomas ville in Georgia last Thursday, was scarcely known by this generation, yet in his ow he had been one of the most eminent of physicians Born in 1818 in Natchez, he was graduated at West Point in 1838 and served in the army for two years, mostly in Florida, and then resigned to study medicine. His degree was gained at the University of Pennsylvania in 1843, and then two years in Edinburgh and Paris completed the preparation for his life's work Not many men can step to the front at the outset of their career and for forty years hold their place against all comers; but Dr. METCALPE did, and that, too, in spite of a frame at no time robust. As a genera practitioner of medicine he wielded an fluence in this community more widely felt by his contemporaries, lay and professional alike, than that exercised by any of his associates. As a clinical teacher ne might be said to have had no rival, so that in the many years he gave to that absorbing work he left the imprint of his learning and of the surety of his insight on many of the later leaders in his calling throughout the

Dr. METCALFE's most noticeable char acteristics of mind were probably his extraordinary quickness of perception, his readiness in analysis, his strong memory and his sound judgment. They mad him the best clinical investigator of diseas of his day, as well as the happiest in finding the remedy. He was the very personification of the complete physician. And with friends he was much more. SYDNEY SMITH said no better things than many original with Dr. METCALFE. His wit-it was always spontaneous—was a delight of which all were glad to partake. If any one could bring a dying man to smile, and that without irreverence or loss of dignity, Dr. METCALPE was that one. His example remains to his profession, and to his friends the best thing the dead can leave the living -the memory of a most gentle, charming and well-filled life.

Again we have a resolution before the Board of Aldermen to exclude all merchant vehicles, excepting delivery wagons, from Fifth avenue between the hours of 2 and 7 during the months of October and June Let's try it

In many of the theatres of Paris ther is a patent arrangement along the aisles whereby an extra end seat can be depressed and the aisle filled up entirely intense is the Parisian taste for the play that this aisle-choking system has no terrors, even in the flimsiest buildings. Such a system is, of course, not to be thought of in New York, but Fire Commissioner Stungis's order forbidding folk to stand or sit in the aisles or passageways ought to be observed with discretion. law need not necessarily be interpreted as unfriendly to the theatres or to the desires of the public.

In every theatre there is room for hun dreds to stand without in any way choking the aisles, or violating the law. It is the great overflow of spectators that gives us the opera, and the opera is worth keeping.

The calling of a Republican caucus of the question whether the Constitutional penalty shall be imposed for negro disfranchisement, marks a step toward the inevitable. No provision of the Constitution can be violated without

Here is the report of a week's work by the United States revenue cutter Woodbury, Lieut. PERCY W. THOMPSON commanding. On Saturday, Dec. 28, she rendered assistance to the Italian steamship Genova, bound from Sicily to Portland, Me.; on Wednesday, New Year's day, she picked up the American schooner Leon, anchored in a bad position off Ram Island, Me., with her sails blown away, her steering gear disabled, and her crew exhausted and frost-bitten. The mercury was at 10 degrees. On Saturday. Jan. 4, the Woodbury picked up the schooner Metropolis, like the St. Leon, anchored in a dangerous place, without sails, and leaking. Both of these vessels she towed to a safe harbor. The Woodbury's work is not unusual among our revenue cutters, which are on active duty the year around, and are busiest in the winter season. It is another argument in favor of the bill now before Congress to raise the pay of the officers of the service. and to provide a retired list for them.

Gen. RANDOLPH, Chief of Artillery, in considering a plan of combined managevies to be carried out during the summer by the troops stationed in New York and Connecticut, the vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron and the artillery of the National Guarda of the two States. The Secretary of War, at Gen. RANDOLPH'S suggestion submitted the matter to the Secretary of the Navy who has accepted it, and the programme for the managaves is in preparation now Combined operations on the scale proposed have never been carried out by our services, and the proposal is highly interesting, especially to the militia likely to be called on to take part

The Pressure That Explodes Bynamic To rue Estron or The Sta do With reference to your illuminating editorial. Infor a word or two for I have had some experiones in handling denomits in after mining Dynamite requires the pressure that comes confinement to explode As Mr Music will tear title a fuge, asstudinger with a flance ones to amorthing for a host arm had be will also ploned on a half-descent etches of dynamics being objected on a half-descent etches of dynamics being objected the ground will suffice to replicate it. The same pile fixed in a taging will also explicit the promoter of the same. I think hord heaten ones put faith a very clear anatomical abusing the office of premature is premaring exponents of different and gampowder. One word increase here you're some years ones that the same particular in the same ways and the same postability with the same postability of the same particular to the same pa

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MISS SCHUYLERS WILL. Farmhand the Sole Beneficiary and at

His Death the Reformed Church. AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Among the wills filed for probate to-day before Surrogate W. Barlow Dunlap of Montgomery county is that of Miss Artamitta Schuyler an aged spinster of the town of Florida Miss Schuyler was 73 years of age and belonged to a prominent and influential family. At the time of her death she was the last surviving member of the family, with the exception of a sister. There are also nephews and nieces. After the death of an aged brother and sister of the dead woman some years ago she fell heir to the estate, valued at about \$20,000, including a farm of 250 acres. When Miss Schuyler became sole owner of the property she had in her employ Anthony James, a negro, who had the management of the farm About three years ago John Farrell, young man, who had been stopping in this city, started out in search of work, and was engaged by Miss Schuyler. It

and was engaged by Miss Schuyler. It was not long before Farrell was master of affairs on the Schuyler farm and the services of the negro were dispensed with.

Miss Schuyler died about two weeks ago, and when a search of her effects was made the will was found. To-day, when the will was turned over to the Surrogate, it was discovered, to the astonishment and indignation of the Schuyler heirs, that Farrell was the sole beneficiary of the estate during his lifetime, including the live stock, farming implements and all other personal property. After the death of Farrell the property is to revert to the Reformed Church society of Hinsville, this county. It is requested that the church keep the farm as its property as long as practicable. The executor is to sell the personal property, and after deducting \$100 for the Cemetery Association, sell the personal property, and after deducting \$100 for the Cemetery Association, the balance of the proceeds is to go to the church. The seventh clause of the will reads:

will reads:
"I hereby declare the bequest and devise
to John Farrell to be in recognition of his
faithful services and careful attention to
my late brother."

my late brother."
Several lawyers in this city have already been engaged by relatives of the dead woman to contest the probate of the will County Judge Nisbet and his law partner Howard J. Hanson, will represent Farrell Among the lawyers engaged to contest the will is Judge Henry V. Borst. It is said that the relatives of Miss Schuyler were not informed of her condition before her

The New York at Santiago To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: If the New York were only seven and a half miles east of San tiago at 9.35 A. M. when the Spanish ships came out of the harbor, and the last ship, the Colon was sunk about 130 P. M. forty miles west of San tiago, why wasn't the New York, one of the faster ships of the fleet, within gunshot distance of the Colon when she went down? The New York had about four hours in which to make forty-sev At twelve miles an hour she would have made forty eight miles in those four hours, and at fifteen miles an hour she would have made sixty miles, but she was not at the funeral. Where was

Our correspondent is in some respects in error. Also he has fulled to recognize

The distance from Santiago to the point where the Colon at 1:20 P. M. turned to go ashore is 43 nautical miles. Add the 7% nautical miles which the New York was to the eastward and we get 50% nautical miles.
The New York having observed the enemy scaping (at about 9:38 A. M.) got word to er engine room and one engine reverse (the other going ahead) and her helm over at 9.40 A. M. according to her log. At the time she was heading about east northeast half east. It took her as near as may b five minutes to get straightened out to the westward (at 61 revolutions per minute she takes four minutes and fifty seconds to swing, and at the time she was making 54 revolu-tions). But three of her six boilers were in se. The fourth boiler was fired and con-ected at 10:10 A M, the fifth at 11:50 A M and the sixth and last at 12:40 P M.
The Colon, by the best-established time

turned to go ashore at 1:20 P M, and had surrendered and was ashore by about 1:30 her best speed any longer existing. Thi 11 1-3 nautical miles throughout her chase, as she was perhaps half a mile to the cast of Tivijon Point when the Colon turned i at 120 In fact, she made with her three cilers and afterward four, five and six boile from 9.45 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. at the rate of 10:04 nautical miles, from 10:00 A. M. to 11 M , 10 71 nautical miles, from 11 A M to 12 noon, 11 28 nautical miles from 12 noon P M. 12 75 nautical miles, and from M. (at the average rate of) 13.83 nautical miles. That is from 1 P. M. to 1:30 P. M she was making from 14 46 nautical niles to nearly 16 nautical miles per hour while during the time after the Colon sur-

rendered she took it more lejsurely Our correspondent should also bear mind that all the vessels were very and that their normal speed factors were distinctly modified. For example. The Oregon, on her normal speed factor of 7 0 turns per knot per minute (below 14 knots) 66 (above 14 knots) would have overrun the Colon by to nautical inties instead of seing as she was, some 4', miles distant when she fired her last shot

So the Brooklyn on her normal speed factor of 8 03 would have overrun the Colon's place of turning by about 14 nautical miles

Statistics of the Sects. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SO A dis-

cussion of the statistics of the churches will enable us to get nearer to the truth. An "Observer of Observers" in last Sunday's Church as 11,000,000 tother authorities make s 14.000.000 Dr Carroll puts the common cants at \$510,226. Children become com-municate in the Catholic Church at about years of age and they may become such in many Protestant churches at about the same The basis of calculation is the Carroll's figures of "membership are not grotesquely inteloading But a more interesting discussion may be

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SOLOMON MEADS ESTATE. Beneficiaries Object to the Executor's

Charge of \$80,000 GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 1-An array of lawyers appeared before Judge Russel in the Greenwich Probate Court this morning in behalf of the several beneficiaries under the will of the late Solomon Mead of Greenwich, in the preliminary hearing for the acceptance of the accounting of Frederick Mead of New York, who is the executor. Thomas Weston and Samuel Darling of Boston represented the Congre gational Educational Society and American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions; William Ives Washburn of New York appeared for the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the American Missionary Society and the Congregational Building Society; Judge George G. McNall and Fred A. Hubbard of Greenwich were the counsel for the American Tract Society and the Sunday School Union; Samu Fessenden of Stamford, appeared for the children of the testator, the chief beneficiaries under the will, and the Greenwich Library and Reading Room Association; Judge Henry Stoddard of New Haven and R. Jay Walsh of Greenwich were the attor-

neys for the executor.

The New York Inheritance Tax lav came up almost the first thing for discame up almost the first thing for dis-cussion and Judge Russell and all the law-yers were agreed that the estate in the executor's hands must be got into the jurisdiction of the Greenwich Probate Court immediately, because of the possi-bility of the 5 per cent. inheritance tax being charged by the Surrogate's Court of New York should the contingency arise that the executor's estate come before

that the executor's estate come before the New York courts for settlement. There are more than \$1,000,000 belonging to the estate of Solomon Mead. He died nearly four years ago and Frederick Mead, the New York coffee and tea merchant, and his son, Frederick Mead, Jr., were appointed executors by the will without bonds. The senior executor died soon bonds. The senior executor died soon after the will was probated and the son has been the sole executor. The estate con-sisted of stocks and bonds of the large railroad and industrial organizations. It inventoried, when the will was probated, 350,000, but is now said to be worth over 1,000,000. This was divided into 250 share the balance to the eleemosynary societies represented by counsel, and a few minor The will required that the estate be settled

The will required that the estate be settled in three years. The time expired six months ago and the executor has now made his accounting which he asks to have accepted. His charge of \$75,000 for services and something like \$8,000 more for counsel fees and office rent are regarded as excessive and the beneficiaries will carry the case to the highest court before they will pay it. He highest present in court but Judge Henry was not present in court, but Judge Henry Stoddard of New Haven, his counsel, had a certificate signed by Andrew Smith, M. D., of New York that Mr. Mead was sick and suffering from nervous trouble and unable to be present in court, and asked for an adjournment of one month. Samuel Fessenden, objecting, said that he should think that Mr. Mead would be

sick and nervous about appearing in court after making the charges he had to the estate. He wanted the Judge to appoint a disinterested skilled physician to make an examination of Mr. Mead's condition. He said he expected this statement when he came to court. Here the discussion arose regarding the transfer of the property arose regarding the transfer of the property into Connecticut and Judge Russell ordered that within a week all the papers of the estate including vouchers, bills and choses in action be placed in the hands of R. Jay Walsh, his counsel in Greenwich and then adjourned the hearing for two weeks when Judge Stoddard agreed to be able to tell the court just what Mr. Mead's condition was so that some action could be taken for the

TURNED FROM THEIR FAITH. Protest Against Proselyttzing Wards of the State.

New HAVEN, Feb. 1.-In a statement nade to-night about the proselytizing of Catholic boys and girls the Rev. Shanley, who is with Bishop Tierney in the Cathedral at Hartford, says that for many years there has been great dissatisfaction in Connecticut concerning the temporary homes of Catholic children who have become wards of the State. He says, further, that many of these children have been placed in non-Catholic homes and have been turned from the Catholic Church Father Shanley says:

"A boy baptized in Hartford sixteen years ago in St. Joseph's Cathedral was intrusted to a Protestant guardian. He became a ward of the State about eleven years ago. He was placed at first in the County Home. About five years ago he was sent by a member of the State Board of Charities to a Miss Ellen Ensign, a non-Catholic in Simsbury. About three years ago I requested that the boy be withdrawn active New York policeman again from his Protestant home, but my request

was not granted.
"At the last session of the Legislature a bill permitting the commitment of children to chartered orphan asylums was passed. This bill was strongly opposed by some who considered it favorable to Catholic children. In reply to the arguments of the opposition it was said that although the Hartford Commissioners were favorable to us in these cases, there was a Catholic boy in a non-Catholic fanniy in Simsbury, and that he was kept there despite efforts made to withdraw him.

made to withdraw him.

"A few weeks ago information was re-ceived that the boy in Simebury was about to choose a guardian. An older brother who had been in the county home and after-Since charges Dr. Carroll and myself with ignoring a very important fact, that is, the different meanings attached to the word "membership." I am sure Dr. Carroll, who is an expert in statistical knowledge, knows this distinction and I am just as certain that it was not ignored. The Official Directory gives the number of souls in the Catholic. a non-tacholic was appented his guardian.
This is only one of the many cases of Catholic children who have been estranged from the Catholic Church by becoming wards of the State Catholic chergy will take those children if Catholic chergy will cannot be found. The Catholic population of Connecticut constitutes one think of connecticut constitutes one-third of the population of the State Catholics ought to have a cope in decouncing the prose-lyting of tatholic choices who have become warde of the State.

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. i The staff of the Harvard College observatory this mortiing presented Prof. F. t. Pickering with a handsome silver loving out in recognition of the twenty-five years of service as rector the presentation was quite to formal and was followed by a flutchess, but Pickering has accived many medals for his contributions to estimate and among the time totalise are the two gold modulation the Boyal Assumptional Sectory of time! Britain and the Bundord and Diagon module as arised to the country.

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DEAR HONEY FOR MR. CLEMENTS. A Swarm of Bees Settled in His House

and Was Hard to Drive Out. ROCHESTER, Feb. 1.-James R. Clements captured a swarm of bees that lighted las summer on one of the shade trees in from of his house. He tried to hive them, but seemingly with poor success. So he dismissed the subject of bee keeping from his mind.

During the winter bees have continued to make their appearance in the Clements household. Every day or so a bee would crawl out of the opening made for one of the sliding doors between the sitting room and the parlor.

Lazily poising itself, the bee would for about the room until its career was cut short by a slap from the palm of Mr. Clem ents or somebody else in the house. But another bee would come forth to take the place of the slaughtered one.

It finally dawned upon Mr. Clements that he was keeping bees in his house The discovery made no particular impres sion on him until the other day, when one of them stung him.

Hot water was thereupon procured,

and the spot whence the bees issued was deluged with it, but hot water was a failure so far as concerns the extermination of the bees. So were other devices for circumventing insect marauders in the hon While Mr. Clements was still hot upon

the trail of the bees, another member of the family came into contact with one of the small disturbers, and after a brief struggle small disturbers, and after a brief struggie although the bee was destroyed, a couple of pieces of furniture were sacrificed and the happiness of the family was disturbed. That night carpenters were sent for, and upon the day following there was a sound of loud hammering and ripping and tearing of wood. Mr. Clements, from another part of the house, directed the attack.

The workmen tore away a couple of partitions and then discovered that a whole swarm of bees had taken up its abode there. Many had perished, but still there was a large active contingent, and they resisted the intrusion. But sweet were the fruits

of victory.
"Honey; bushels of it!" shouted one of carpenters, tearing into the room where lements was sitting.

Further investigation after the bees had

been driven away showed the presence of thirty pounds of delicious honey. It cost Mr. Clements \$185 to put his house in re-

TROLLEY LINE IN TROUBLE. Receiver Appointed for the Atlantic Coast Electric Road.

Former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., of Newark was appointed yesterday receiver of the Atlantic Coast Electric Railroad Company, which operates the electric railway between Pleasure Bay, Asbury Park, Belmar and other coast resorts in New Jersey. The company has defaulted in the payment of interest amounting to \$20,000, and proceedings are being brought to foreclose a \$1,000,000 mortgage by the Knickerbocker Trust Company of this city. The mortgage was issued to secure bonds issued for that amount. The receivership is temporary amount. The receivership is temporary and depends on the outcome of the forcclosure proceedings. Mr. Smith's bond is fixed at \$50,000. The application was made by Vredenburg & Wall of Jersey City and R. V. Dixon of Philadelphia to United States District Court Judge Kirkpatrick at his office in Newark.

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There is another mortgage of \$500,000 executed by the railway company to the Standard Guarantee Trust Company of this city. The bill presented to Judge Kirkpatrick indicates that the company is under an annual expense of \$182,820, and last year there was a deficiency of over \$63,000. The company is in arrears of tax for the last two years. The road was incorporated in April, 1895. The bill says that it has been mismanaged.

MULVY CAN'T HAVE 2 MEN'S PAY. Payroll Held Up to Keep Him From Collecting as Pensioner and Policeman.

The detective sergeants in Brooklyn were not paid yesterday and there was much grumbling. The payroll of the Detective Bureau was held up by Comptroller Grout, it was said, because the name of Detective Sergeant Thomas Mulvy was He has drawn not only a pen sion of \$1,000 a year, but a salar \$2,000 as a detective sergeant. Two year ago an effort was made to compel him to give up one, but the Court of Appeals de-cided that he was entitled to both. Comp-

cided that he was entitled to both. Comptroller Grout contends, it is said, that under the new Charter Mulvy must decide which he will take.

Mulvy joined the police force of the town of New Utrecht after he got his pension from New York, and when New Utrecht was annexed to Brooklyn he was legislated into the Brooklyn force, and under the Consolidation act became an active New York policeman again.

WOLLD BAR HIM FROM THE ATRE Mrs. Herrmann Fears Her Husband's Nephew Would Copy Stage Tricks.

Vice-Chancellor Emery signed an order in Newark yesterday to show cause why Leon Herrmann should not be restrained from appearing in the Empire Theatre of that city to-morrow. The application was made in the interest of Adelaide Herrmann, the widow of Alexander Herrmann, who says she has copyrighted tricks and illusions which her husband's nephew is using on the road without her consent. She is to appear in Proctor's Newark Thea-tre. In her toil she says that before her She is to appear in Proctor's Newara Thea-tre. In her bill she says that before her husband's death she employed him at a high salary, and owned all of the para-phermain and copyrights, and that she took up Leon under the same arrange-ment by he left her in 1869 with her main ager and was making use of attractions to which she claims absolute title. The rule is returnable in the Chancery Chamists.

HAMILY ON PRINIDING SORDIE. The menator hays it will not influence tiembers of Congress.

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Washington, Feb. 1. Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, called on President Boses velt this morning. After leaving the White House the Senator criticises the order issued by the President formiding officers and cieries in the excession ments to moticit political and

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